

NEW FACES



SEAN CURRAN started with the City of Mason City on July 5, 2022 in the Fire Department as a Firefighter. Welcome aboard!



JULIE MORTON started with the City of Mason City on June 30, 2022 in the Development Services Department as a Transit Driver. Thank you for joining our team!



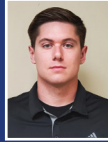
KEENAN FELDPAUSCH started with the City of Mason City on July 5, 2022 in the Fire Department as a Firefighter. We're glad you have joined us!



LAURA MOTT started with the City of Mason City on March 30, 2022 in the Finance Department as a GIS Analyst. Welcome aboard!



RYAN GILMORE started with the City of Mason City on July 5, 2022 in the Fire Department as a Firefighter. Welcome to our team!



TYLER ROWELL started with the City of Mason City on June 6, 2022 in the Police Department as a Police Officer. Thank you for joining our team!



DYLAN HALL started with the City of Mason City on April 18, 2022 in the Recreation Department as a Recreation Programmer – Aquatics & Activities. We're glad you have joined us!



BRIDGER THOMSEN started with the City of Mason City on July 5, 2022 in the Fire Department as a Firefighter. Thanks for joining our team!



MARK HALVERSON started with the City of Mason City on April 25, 2022 in the Development Services Department as a Transit Driver. Welcome to our team!



BRANDON VANHORN started with the City of Mason City on April 4, 2022 in the Police Department as a Police Officer. Thanks for joining our team!



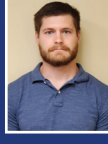
MATT JACKSON started with the City of Mason City on May 16, 2022 in the Water Reclamation Department as a Wastewater Operator. Welcome aboard!



ROSE WALKER started with the City of Mason City on July 11, 2022 in the Development Services Department as a Transit Driver. Thank you for joining our team!



LOGAN MCGILLIVRAY started with the City of Mason City on July 5, 2022 in the Fire Department as a Firefighter. Welcome aboard!



JOSEPH WELSH started with the City of Mason City on June 8, 2022 in the Engineering Department as a Traffic Control Technician. Welcome to our team!

2022 CITY HOLIDAYS (OFFICES CLOSED)

Labor Day, Monday, September 5
Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25
*Christmas Day, Monday, December 26
*New Year's Day, Monday, January 2
*holiday observed

SANITATION MAKE-UP DAY

Wednesday, September 7
Wednesday, November 9
Wednesday, November 23
Wednesday, December 28
Wednesday, January 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022

1 Historic Preservation Commission
5 City offices and MacNider Museum closed
6 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
6 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
7 Sanitation Make-up Day for September 5
8 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
12 Airport Commission, 4 pm
13 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
13 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
14 North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm
20 Library Board, 4:15 pm
20 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
20 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
24 Elmwood St. Joseph Cemetery History Walk

OCTOBER 2022

4 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
4 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
6 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
10 Airport Commission, 4 pm
11 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
11 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
12 North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm
13 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
18 Library Board, 4:15 pm
18 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
18 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 2022

1 Election Day
1 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
1 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
3 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
8 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm

8 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
9 Sanitation Make-up Day for November 11
9 North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm
11 City offices closed
10 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
14 Airport Commission, 4 pm
15 Library Board, 4:15 pm
15 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
15 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
23 Sanitation Make-up Day for November 24 and 25
24 City offices and MacNider Museum closed
25 City offices closed

DECEMBER 2022

1 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
6 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
6 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
8 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
10 Holiday Open House, MacNider Art Museum, 1-4 pm
12 Airport Commission, 4 pm
13 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
13 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
14 North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm
20 Library Board, 4:15 pm
20 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
20 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
26 City offices closed
28 Sanitation Make-up Day for December 26

This calendar does not include all events and is subject to change. Sign up for Mason City's e-notification option to receive the latest updates, agendas, news releases, event notification, and other timely news. For more information, visit www.masoncity.net or contact staff at (641) 421-3600 or the individual Department responsible for the event.

CITY OF MASON CITY MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide efficient and effective City services and infrastructure with sound fiscal policies that create an enjoyable quality of life in a safe & viable community."

As we transition into the fall and winter months, facilities will close for the season and weather may impact programming and activities. Visit the City's website at www.masoncity.net to keep current on the status of closures and postponements.



SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM!



When emergencies happen be the first to know. Cerro Gordo County, including the communities of Mason City and Clear Lake/Ventura, uses the Alert Iowa emergency notification system to send official, real-time alerts to citizens with information about potentially life-saving actions to take to keep yourself, family and household safe. To ensure residents receive the latest weather and community-based emergency alerts, residents will need to register through the system.

TO SIGN UP:

- Create an account by visiting the Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, or Clear Lake websites
- Opt-in by texting CERROGORDOIA to 672-83, you will be prompted to create a profile
- Download the Smart911 app to create or customize your profile.

No email address is required and individuals with landlines will be able to create an account.

Visit alert.iowa.gov to learn more information about the system and visit <https://bit.ly/CerroGordoiASignup> for Alert Iowa notifications.

Alert Iowa is a statewide emergency notification system used to send alerts to residents when emergencies occur or when important safety information needs to be shared. The system enables better communication of emergency information directly to citizens via voice call, text message, email, and social media. The system has the capability to translate messages into multiple languages and will let residents choose what alerts they receive and how they receive them.

GET CONNECTED ... Stay Connected!

Follow the City departments on social media. Like us on Facebook and Follow us on Twitter and Instagram for the latest information about road closures, events, and other news. And don't forget our new TextMyGov platform – text your inquiry to 641-450-1627 and follow the directions.



TRI-ANNUAL
NEWSLETTER
OF THE CITY OF
MASON CITY,
SUMMER 2022

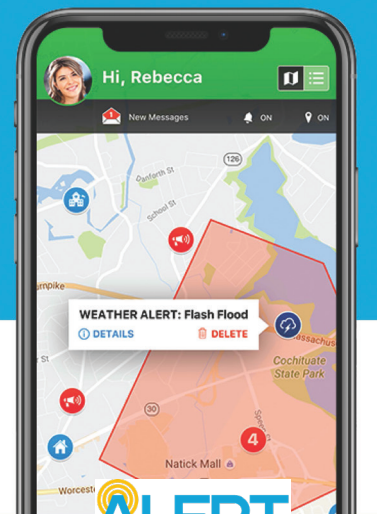
RIVER CITY NEWS

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. Please contact:
City Administrator's office
10 1st Street NW
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 421-2701 (phone)
cityinformation@masoncity.net

Receive Targeted Community and Weather Alerts

Text CERROGORDOIA to 672-83 to receive emergency notifications for Cerro Gordo County OR

Download the App



LOCAL OPTION SALES & SERVICE TAX (LOSST) ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13



The election for the public measure for the Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) is Tuesday, September 13. LOSST is a 1% tax on certain sales and services purchased in Mason City which is allocated for several uses. Property tax relief accounts for 50% of the tax allocation, which has provided an annual property tax savings of \$175.17 for a \$100,000 home. Other allocations include park features, street, sidewalk, and other infrastructure maintenance and improvements (40%), and Police/Fire protection, trails, culture and recreation, airport, transit, and other amenities in the community (10%).

The benefits to keep LOSST in place include increases the quality of life by funding to amenities and services, provides more reliable infrastructure, safer neighborhoods and property tax relief lowering taxes for property owners.

To find out times and locations of polls, contact the County Auditor at 641-421-3034 or visit <https://www.cerrogordoauditor.gov/elections>.

MASON CITY EARNS MARK OF DISTINCTION, RECEIVES TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD FROM ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

In honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, Mason City was named a recipient of the 'Tree City USA' designation and the 'Growth Award' this past spring. Mason City has been a Tree City USA for 18 years and a Growth Award recipient for 7 years.

The Growth Award is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. It highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry and a higher level of tree care. It also provides an opportunity to share new ideas and successes across the country. The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five categories on a point based system to build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term. Mason City's Growth Award Application focused on Planning the Work/Policies; The Community Framework/Volunteers and External Recognitions; and Measuring Trees and Forests/Canopy Sampling Estimate.

Small percentage of Tree City USA participants ultimately earn Growth Award Honor due to a continued dedication towards building a sustainable community



The Yard Waste collection season is scheduled to end on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**, weather pending. Updates of the status of yard waste will be listed on the City's website and Facebook page. For more information, contact the Sanitation Division of the Operation & Maintenance Department at 641-421-3691.



REMEMBER THE NUMBERS: 33/50

Residents may set out one 33 gallon container or 33 gallon garbage bag that weighs no more than 50 pounds. Any additional bag(s) no larger than 33 gallons with a weight of no more than 50 pounds can be set out with a disposal sticker placed on the stem of each bag.

Remember the numbers: **33/50** (33 gallon limit garbage bag size and 50 pound maximum weight of each bag).

City staff reserves the right to refuse pick-up of sanitation bags due to violation of size of bag and/or weight of bag.

Remember to have sanitation, yard waste, and recyclable items out by 7:00 a.m. to ensure your items will be picked up.

For more information contact the Sanitation Division at (641) 421-3691.

CITY HOLIDAYS 2023

City offices will be closed in observance of certain holidays in 2023. Listed below are the holidays and the sanitation make-up day for the holiday. For questions, contact the Sanitation Division of the Operation & Maintenance Department at 641-421-3691.

2023 CITY HOLIDAYS (OFFICES CLOSED) SANITATION MAKE-UP DAY

New Year's Day, Monday, January 2
President's Day, Monday, February 20
Good Friday, Friday, April 7
Memorial Day, Monday, May 29
Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 4
Veteran's Day, Friday, November 10 (observed)
Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

Wednesday, January 4
Wednesday, February 22
Wednesday, April 5
Wednesday, May 31
Wednesday, July 5
Wednesday, September 6
Wednesday, November 8
Wednesday, November 22
Wednesday, December 27



The MacNider Art Museum is pleased to announce the return of the popular fall fundraiser **ARTOBERFEST**. The date of the event is **Friday, Oct. 21, 2022 from 6 to 9 pm**. Everyone attending must be ages 21+. The fundraiser will feature a variety of tasty brews from all over the Midwest, a delicious assortment of food, and music. More event and ticket info coming soon.



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT IN MASON CITY

Monday, October 31 has been designated as trick-or-treat night in Mason City between the hours of **5:30-7:30 pm**. To help ensure a safe and fun event for everyone, here are a few safety tips to follow.

- ✓ Choose a Halloween costume and accessories that are fire resistant and fit properly to avoid tripping or safety hazards.
- ✓ Make sure costumes or bags have reflective tape or provide glow sticks or flashlights for after dark trick-or-treating
- ✓ Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult; if older children are going alone, plan and review a route approved by you and agree on a specific time children should return home
- ✓ Remind children never to enter a stranger's home or car and do not eat any treats until they return home
- ✓ Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- ✓ Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- ✓ Drivers - lower your speed and watch for children walking on streets or darting through cars and traffic.

Let's all stay focused and work together to keep this holiday safe and magical!

Holiday Open House
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
1:00-4:00 PM

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
is on **Sat., December 10** and the MacNider will be filled with children's activities from **1-4 pm**. Young artists will be able to participate in a several craft projects, visit Santa, eat yummy cookies, and more!

Hello Monday!
WE ARE OPEN!
COFFEES & BAKED GOODS

JavaWorks is NOW OPEN
Mason City Public Library Commons

coffee BREAK

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
43NorthIowa 641-421-3668 ext 33

MACNIDER: OFF THE CLOCK
Fri., December 9
5:00 - 7:00 pm

MacNider: Off the Clock will be **Friday, December 9 from 5-7 pm**. Complimentary wine and appetizers are available throughout the event, in addition to festive live music by Sam Crosser. Visitors can mingle with friends and coworkers as they explore the galleries and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the MacNider. MacNider: Off the Clock is a free event and open to the public.

Elmwood - St. Joseph Cemetery History Walk

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022
Mark Your Calendar

The focus for this year's upcoming Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery History Walk on **Saturday, September 24** is World War II and many interesting, local stories exist.

The event kicks off with historical walks at 2:30 and 4:00 pm with a chili supper at 6 pm and concludes

with the seated evening event at 7 pm. Tickets will be available September 1 at the cemetery office.

Times are tentative and subject to change.

Updates will be added to the Cemetery's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/masoncitycemetery](https://www.facebook.com/masoncitycemetery).